



Department of Health and Human Services  
West Nile Virus Highlights  
November 19, 2004 (to date)

**HUMAN CASES (808 in California as of 11/19/04, 10:00 a.m.)**

**Nationally\*:** 2,384 human cases have been reported in 40 States and the District of Columbia; 80 deaths have been reported in 21 States.

**California:** 808 West Nile Virus Infections have been reported in 25 local health jurisdictions, and 24 deaths statewide.

**Long Beach:** 15 West Nile Virus infections have been reported, and 1 death (on 8/9/04). 404 WNV tests conducted in our Public Health Laboratory.

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**WNV SURVEILLANCE AND CONTROL IN LONG BEACH (ongoing)**

**Birds**

- ♦ **32 WNV positive** birds found in 14 Long Beach Zip Codes (51 birds total tested).

**Mosquitoes**

- ♦ **54 mosquito pools tested WNV positive** in seven Long Beach Zip Codes.

**Chickens**

- ♦ **14 birds in all of the City's four chicken coops tested WNV positive.**

**Vector Control Programs**

- ♦ **Hundreds of miles** of gutter, storm drain and other mosquito breeding sites are sprayed monthly in the City to control mosquito populations.

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**WNV COMMUNITY EDUCATION AND OUTREACH IN LONG BEACH (ongoing)**

- ♦ 19 community presentations reaching several hundred residents
- ♦ 9 presentations to local physicians/hospital groups
- ♦ 4 presentations to City Council
- ♦ Participation in regional media campaign
- ♦ 9 press releases and 22 articles in local and regional publications
- ♦ Door-to-Door Outreach Campaign by Health Inspectors - 2,005 residents reached

**\*National statistics are underreported due to reporting delays.**